Allotment of petrol pumps in Himachal Pradesh

3510. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps (retail outlets) allotted by public sector oil marketing companies *viz.* Indian Oil corporation Limited., Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and Indo-Burman Petroleum Corporation Ltd. in Himachal Pradesh during the period from May, 2004 to 28 Feb., 2005 alongwith names and addresses of allottees company-wise; and

(b) what was the criteria and the procedure adopted for the allotment?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), *viz.,* Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and IBP Co. Ltd. (IBP), allotted 109 retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps) in the State in Himachal Pradesh during the period May, 2004 to February, 2005.

The OMC-wise position is as under:—

IOCL	-	57	nos.
HPCL	-	14	nos.
BPCL	-	18	nos.
IBP	-	20	nos.
TOTAL	-	**109**	nos.

The details of the allottees are available with the Director (Marketing) of the companies concerned.

(b) The public sector OMCs have framed guidelines for selection/allotment of dealerships/distributorships, including retail outlet dealerships. These guidelines contain detailed provisions, including objective and transparent criteria for evaluation of candidates, applying for allotment of such dealerships/distributorships.

Issue of bonds by Oil Companies

3511 .SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govememnt have any plan to float Oil Bonds to cover up the losses that are being incurred by Public Sector Oil Companies;